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## Watertown To Receive Snow Removal Funds



Federal Reimbursement Helps Stem Local Costs of Hard Winter

HARTFORD - State Rep. Sean Williams (R-Watertown) today thanked Governor M. Jodi Rell for her successful

efforts in getting federal reimbursement for the costs associated with snow removal during the past winter. Snow removal costs were budget busters this past year with a number of heavy winter storms. As a result, it was announced that Watertown would receive at least \$48,491 to reimburse the municipality.

Governor Rell requested assistance to help towns with snow removal costs. President Bush declared a snow emergency for Connecticut on February 17, making Connecticut towns eligible for the funds. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is coordinating the reimbursement.

"I am grateful to Governor Rell for pursuing this at the federal level," said Representative Williams. "By getting these snow removal funds reimbursed, local property taxpayers will not have to bear the burden of the cleanup of an extraordinary winter."